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REMARKS

In the Final Office action mailed December 1, 2005, Examiner objected to claims 4, 12, 18 and 24 as being patentable if amended to include the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 4 depended from claim 1 and had no intervening claims. Applicant herein amends claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 4 and requests cancellation of claim 4. Applicant also requests cancellation of claim 3 as it no longer adds any additional limitation to amended claim 1. As dependent claims 2 and 5-9 depend from amended claim 1, Applicant respectfully asserts that these dependent claims now are patentable as they contain the limitations of amended claim 1, which contains limitations that the Examiner has identified as patentable.

Likewise, claim 12 depended from claim 10 and had no intervening claims. Applicant herein amends claim 10 to include the limitation of claim 12 and requests cancellation of claim 12. Applicant also requests cancellation of dependent claim 11 as it no longer adds any additional limitation to amended claim 10. As dependent claims 13-15 depend from amended claim 10, Applicant respectfully asserts that these dependent claims now are patentable as they contain the limitations of amended claim 10, which contains limitations that the Examiner has identified as patentable.

Claim 18 depended from claim 16 and had no intervening claims. Applicant herein amends claim 16 to include the limitation of claim 18 and requests cancellation of claim 18. Applicant also requests cancellation of claim 17 as it no longer adds any additional limitation to amended claim 16. As dependent claims 19-21 depend from amended claim 16, Applicant

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respectfully asserts that these dependent claims now are patentable as they contain the limitations of amended claim 16, which contains limitations that the Examiner has identified as patentable.

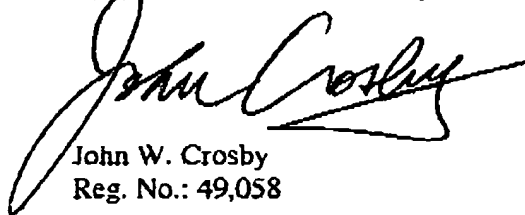
Claim 24 depended from claim 22 and had no intervening claims. Applicant herein amends claim 22 to include the limitation of claim 24 and requests cancellation of claim 24. Applicant also requests cancellation of claim 23 as it no longer adds any additional limitation to amended claim 22. As dependent claims 25-27 depend from amended claim 22, Applicant respectfully asserts that these dependent claims now are patentable as they contain the limitations of amended claim 22, which contains limitations that the Examiner has identified as patentable.

No new subject matter has been added by the way of this Amendment.

INVITATION TO TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

If the Examiner feels there are any remaining issues that could be resolved by phone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. The undersigned attorney is usually available between the hours of 11AM and 2PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,
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